

WI-383
Train A. Bounds House
Mardela Springs
Private

c. 1890-1900

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MARYLAND HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN INFORMATION

RESOURCE NAME: Train A. Bounds House

MHT INVENTORY NUMBER: WI-383

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

1. Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
2. Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
3. Chronological/Development Period(s): Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
4. Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. WI-383
Magi No.
DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic Train A. Bounds House

and/or common

2. Location

street & number 300 Main Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Mardela Springs ☐ vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Wicomico

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use	
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Milton G. and Wendy L. Catlin

street & number P. O. Box 248 telephone no.:

city, town Mardela Springs state and zip code Maryland 21837

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court Map 200, P. 151
liber 1418

street & number Wicomico County Courthouse folio 849

city, town Salisbury state MD 21801

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

pository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition		Check one	Check one
<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated	<input type="checkbox"/> unaltered	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> original site
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> altered	<input type="checkbox"/> moved date of move _____
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> unexposed		

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Train A. Bounds house is located at 300 Main Street in the center of Mardela Springs, Wicomico County, Maryland. The two-and-a-half story asymmetrically planned house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis.

Estimated to date around 1890-1900, the two-and-a-half story tee-shaped frame dwelling is supported by a continuous brick foundation and the exterior is sheathed with aluminum siding. The steeply pitched roofs are covered with asphalt shingles.

The north (main) elevation is an asymmetrical facade with the projecting gable-front leg of the tee-plan facing the street. A two-story entrance tower is juxtaposed next to the projecting leg on its west side. Stretching around the north and east sides of the house is a tapered column porch. The first and second floors are lighted by two-over-two sash windows, and the attic is illuminated with a squarish window fitted with colored glass panes. The gable end is sheathed with fishscale shingles. The extended eave has exposed rafter ends and decorative brackets. The entrance tower is pierced by a partially glazed front door topped by a two-light transom. On the west side of the tower at the second floor level, a multi-paned colored glass window pierces the wall surface. The tower has a truncated pyramidal spire, and the eave of the roof is trimmed with small brackets.

The east and west ends of the tee shaped main block are treated in a similar fashion to the front leg with two-over-two sash windows lighting the first and second floors, and fishscale shingles covering the gable ends. Squarish windows with colored glass panes pierce the attic.

The back of the main block is extended by a shed roof kitchen.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900–	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> politics/government	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates	Builder/Architect
check: Applicable Criteria: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D	
and/or	
Applicable Exception: <input type="checkbox"/> A <input type="checkbox"/> B <input type="checkbox"/> C <input type="checkbox"/> D <input type="checkbox"/> E <input type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/> G	
Level of Significance: <input type="checkbox"/> national <input type="checkbox"/> state <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

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Due to its distinct architectural character and its contribution to the historic character of Mardela Springs, this house qualifies for listing in *Category A*.

¹ Wicomico County Land Record, EAT 49/332, 21 May 1906.

² Wicomico County Will Book, LJC 1/360, Proved 3 December 1910.

³ Wicomico County Land Record, 1418/849, 23 November 1994.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

A

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Zone Easting NorthingC

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Verbal boundary description and justification _____

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

name/title Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian

organization Private Consultant

date 6/23/98

street & number P. O. Box 5

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city or town Westover

state Maryland 21871

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Train A. Bounds House
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Chain of title

Map 200, Parcel 151

1418/849 Thomas L. Bounds, Nell W. Bennett, and
Walter T. Bennett

to

11/23/1994 Robert B. Bailey
Mary E. Bailey

Location Survey No. 4339 for Robert B. and Mary K.
Bailey

A J S 871/304 Clara L. Bounds, widow

to

1/31/1977 Thomas L. Bounds
Dorothy A. Bounds

Being the same property conveyed by Ralph T. Bounds
and Harriet J. Bounds to William A. Bounds, Clara T.
Bounds and Harriet J. A. Bounds, 11/29/1930, IDT 166/171

166/171 Ralph T. Bounds, Harriet J. A. Bounds

to

11/29/1930 William A. Bounds
Clara L. Bounds

Adjoining the property of the estate of Thomas R. Bound's
on the east and the property of A. S. Venables on the west
102 square perches-being lot No. 2 purchased by Train A.
Bounds of Robert F. Brattan, executor of Joseph Brattan

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JCK 140/25 Nettie Cooper, widow

to

7/14/1925 Ralph T. Bounds

Last Will and Testament of
Annie E. Bounds

to

Nettie Cooper

Wicomico County
Will Book
LJC 1/360

Last Will and Testament of
Elizabeth J. Bounds

to

Written
10/18/1902
Proved
12/3/1910

Eighth Item "my house and lot where I now live in Mardela
to be theirs jointly..."

EAT 49/332

Robert P. Graham, trustee

to

5/21/1906

Elizabeth J. Bounds

sold by sale to widow of Train A. Bounds
for \$1,400 102 square perches

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Robert F. Brattan, Executor of Joseph Brattan

to

Train A. Bounds

